

Making Cities Work

MALAWI

Capital: Lilongwe

Largest City: Blantyre 2nd Largest City: Lilongwe

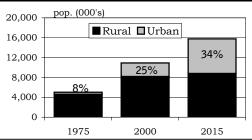
2000 Population 10.9 m illion
10-yearAvg.AnnualPop.Growth 2.6%
GDP (2000) \$9.4 b illion
GDP percapita \$860
GDP growth 3.0%
GNIpercapita (2000) \$170



# Urban Population

**Urban Profile** 

2,723,000 lived in urban areas in 2000.



Annual Growth
Rates (2000-2015)
Urban 6.3%

0.5%

Rural

City Sizes	# of cities
10 million +	
5-9.9 m	
2.5 - 4.9 m	
.75-2.49 m	2

# Urban Migration Trends

Malawi has four major urban centers of which Mzuzu and Lilongwe are growing the fastest – 95 and 97% population increases respectively between 1987-1998. Behind those, Blantyre City and Zomba grew at rates of 44 and 48% during the same period.

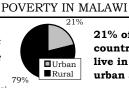
(1998)

502,053

440,471

## **Urban Poverty**

1,470,420 urban dwellers were below the poverty line. (based on national data)



21% of the country's poor live in urban areas.

# URBAN POVERTY 54% 54% the upopu Non-poor

54% of the urban population is poor. (wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%)

Nation 7.4Urban 13.0Rural 6.6

(UNCHS - HABITAT, 1998)

National

Income Inequality

# Economy & Employment

(Country)	GDP	Employment			
Sector	(1998)	(1990)			
Agriculture	37%	87%			
Industrial	29%	5%			
Services	34%	8%			

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Nation

UNEMPLOYMENT. 30,000-35,000 jobs are created each year for roughly 200,000 job seekers. According to one local official, "Urban unemployment causes poverty, and because of such poverty, people are not capable of paying for services such as health and education."

#### **Decentralization**

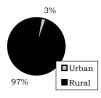
Sample	Urban Area:Lilongwe, pop.	440,471	(2000)

Able to set none of local tax levels Able to choose some contractors for projects Able to set some of user charges Funds transfer is not known in advance Able to borrow none of funds Central government can remove local govt. officials

# Infrastructure

## **Basic Services**

136,150 urban dwellers lack water supply.



3% of people without water supply live in urban areas. 
 Population without Water Supply in 2000

 (000's)
 % of rel. pop.

 Urban
 136
 5%

 Rural
 4,593
 56%

 Total
 4,729
 43%

108,920 urban dwellers lack sanitation coverage.



4% of people without sanitation coverage live in urban areas.

Pop. without Sanitation Coverage in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	109	4%
Rural	2,461	30%
Total	2,570	24%

Rural

Rural Urban

# Health

First and Second Quintile of Income Distribution	Poorest		Poorest	Poor	Poor	Average
Under 5 yrs-old. mortality rate (per 1,000 births, 1998)		*	252.2	*	249.1	239.7
Children severely underweight (under 3 yrsold)		*	12.5%	*	7.4%	7.7%

Urban

# Crime

In recent years, Malawi crime statistics have been on the rise. In urban settings, there are escalating cases of armed robberies in offices and homes and steep increases in car thefts. Crime by gangs operating in both urban and rural areas is of specific concern. The rise of crime is partially attributed to an ill equipped police force of 5,000 officers to safeguard an estimated 11 million people, compounded by increasing numbers of illegal immigrants who collude with Malawi citizens.

Malawi August 2002